WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of Life Saving Drugs

*244. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to import life saving drugs; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have prepared a list of such life saving drugs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A list of such drugs is under preparation and a formal public notice is about to be issued by the CCI & E as per provisions in the EXIM Policy.

Over invoicing of Imports of Drugs

*245. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of over-invoicing of imports of drugs have been ignored on the ground of quality/specifications;

(b) if so, what are the details of such cases and what are the reasons for allowing imports of drugs of poor quality; and

(c) what are the names of drugs for which instances of over-invoicing in imports have come to the notice of his Ministry, what was the price of imports of major companies and the prices of other companies during the same period where no action was taken on quality/specifications ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To the extent information is available, the details are given in the attached statement (See below). No instance of overinvoicing has been ignored or condoned on the ground of quality|specifications.

Statement

Case relating to overinvoicing of imports :

Sl. No	Name of the Company	Name of the Drug/intermediai in respect of which over-invoct ing have been alleged.
1	2	3
1.	M/s. Sandoz	Thioridazine
2.	M/s. Hoechst	Cefataxim Sodium
3.	M/s. Roussel	—do—
4.	Rifampicin Producers	Intermediates of Rifampicin
5.	M/s. Cadila Labs	Dexamethasone and its intermediates.